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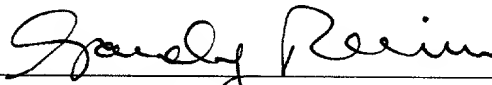
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Applicant : Edward Balassanian  
Application No. : 09/963,780 Confirmation No.: 9160  
Filed : September 25, 2001  
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA METERING

Docket No. : 294518006US1

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 23, 2001, please find enclosed a Declaration, Election and Power of Attorney, Authorization for Extensions of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), 16 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-14), and a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts for the above-identified application.

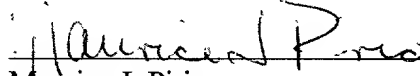
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees have been calculated as follows:

Basic Fee	\$	370.00
Total Claims (30, 10 extra)		90.00
Independent Claims (4, 1 extra)		42.00
Missing Parts Surcharge		65.00
TOTAL	\$	567.00

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$567.00 for the requisite fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of this Response  
Declaration  
Election and Power of Attorney  
Authorization for Extensions of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3)  
Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts  
Transmittal of Formal Drawings  
16 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1-14)

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$260.
  - \$180 for 10 total claims over 20.
  - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1100.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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